

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 543 without my signature.

Since the Nurse-Family Partnership program was signed into law in 2006, there have been no private or federal funds received by the state for this program. Since there are no funds to appropriate, there is no need to extend the sunset date for the program's fund account.

Furthermore, this bill removes the Director of Finance's discretion regarding the level of sufficient funding and triggers an arbitrary threshold of \$500,000 for the establishment of a statewide program without the necessary infrastructure.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger